MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representatives Holland, Fleming

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1523
(As Passed the House)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
TO PROVIDE THAT IN DEATH CASES WHERE THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SUDDEN
INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) AND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER PROVIDES A
SIDS DEATH SCENE INVESTIGATION REPORT, THE COUNTY MEDICAL
EXAMINERS SHALL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF $50.00, OR AN
ADDITIONAL FEE OF $100.00 IF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAS RECEIVED
ADVANCED TRAINING IN CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE
STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER TO DEVELOP A UNIFORM FORMAT FOR SIDS/CHILD
DEATH SCENE INVESTIGATION REPORTS TO BE USED BY THE COUNTY MEDICAL
EXAMINERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation
and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall
be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is
provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive
Eighty-five Dollars ($85.00) for each completed report of
investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In
addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden
infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a
SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall
receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars
($50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) if the
medical examiner has received advanced training in child death
investigations and presents to the county a certificate of
completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner
shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters
to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports.
which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county
medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in
Section 41-61-65 shall receive Five Hundred Fifty Dollars
($550.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from
the site of the autopsy.

(2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is
subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury,
courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert
witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to
and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid
by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after October 1, 2007, and this act shall stand repealed on
June 30, 2011.